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Comptroller Officer Assignments

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I want to open this article with a farewell to Maj Karla Miller. After two years of working Financial Management Officer Assignments, she is headed off to Air Command and Staff College. I owe many thanks to Maj Miller as she introduced me to a whole new world of meeting FM goals in the Air Force personnel system and patiently taught me the ropes. I wish Maj Miller the very best of luck as she embarks on the next step in her AF journey—ACSC in residence. Congratulations Karla and thanks for a job well done!

Although I will miss Maj Miller and her guidance, I am excited to welcome Capt Michael Monson. Upon Maj Miller's PCS, I stepped up to the Chief position and Capt Monson came to our team from Wright-Patterson AFB. Please give him the same warm welcome I received.

The big news from AFPC at this time is the CY02 FM Commander's Board. We have kicked off the process for the Board which will be held at Randolph AFB 9-12 October 2001. The initial board announcement message (161800Z APR 01) for all career fields was sent. If you did not see it, you can log on to <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/Sq-CC-Board> and read the message. The message contains details on eligibility requirements, notification and nomination procedures, declination information, and hiring procedures. Eligibility waivers are worked on a case-by-case basis; please give us a call if you have any concerns.

Officers who meet the CY02 Board must fully understand they are worldwide volunteers who can be assigned to any comptroller commander position. We will ask each candidate to submit a Preference Worksheet (PW) that will be used during the bidding process to match candidates' priorities to commander openings. This is your opportunity to tell the board members your priority preferences. MAJCOM FMs will then work with hiring officials (NAF/Wing Commanders) to select the best candidate for their vacancy.

Before leaving the Commander subject, we would like discuss a few things. We often receive questions concerning whether or not it is a good career move to serve in a second CC position. The answer is a resounding YES! In all cases, your second command position will hold more responsibility as the board member's will select you for a larger command. Please don't hesitate to volunteer for a second CC tour. The challenges you meet and rewards you receive from your Commander jobs will be varied and fulfilling. A second area we often receive calls about is the length of a CCs tour. Comptroller CC tours are typically two-year tours with an option to extend for a third year. This means that sitting commanders with a minimum of two years time on station (TOS) at rotation date are eligible to meet the upcoming board with hiring official approval. We look forward to working with you throughout the board process; please give us a call with your questions.

Jumping to a whole new subject, we would like to discuss our lieutenants (Lts). Welcome to all of you. FM manning for Lts is currently at 321%! We're excited to have so many of you on board and look forward to your calls here at AFPC. We receive many calls regarding TOS requirements. We use the same rules assigning Lts as for all other FM officers. You must have three-year TOS to move CONUS to CONUS and two-years TOS to move CONUS to Overseas. The FM career field offers many opportunities and levels of responsibility at each location allowing for a three-year tour. TOS rules were established to attempt to stabilize the force and help with budget constraints. We will continue to support TOS guidelines.

Please keep in touch. We love hearing from you and helping to answer your questions!

